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Date: 1/29/2026 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 11:25 AM **Departure:** 4:25 PM

CCLC-62961
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Same

Quality Rated: ★ ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation			Compliance Zone Designation - A summary measure of a program's 12 month monitoring history, as it pertains to child care health and safety rules. The three compliance zones are good standing, support, and deficient. Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. Support - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. Deficient - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
01/29/2026	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
06/20/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/22/2024	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing	

Ratios/License Capacity

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Main	E - 4R	One Year Olds	2	10	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	A - 1st L	Infants	2	7	C	16	C	NA	NA	Nap,Floor Play
Main	B - 2nd L	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	13	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	C - 3rd L	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	3	18	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	D - 5R	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	7	C	20	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	F - 3R	One Year Olds	2	9	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	G - 2R		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Main	H - 1R		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 136					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 64					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	A - Infant and Toddlers	39	C
Main	B - Preschool - School Age	39	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
9	24	17	23	8	1	13

Comments

The consultant discussed the visit report with the Director, Brooke Pruitt, on January 29, 2026.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

Any rule violation which subjects a child to injury or life-threatening situation or any rule violations previously cited but not corrected, may result in the imposition of an adverse enforcement action. Serious or continued noncompliance may also jeopardize participation in one or more DECAL program(s).

Please refer to the website, <http://www.dec.al.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx>, for information regarding October 1, 2018 rule changes about Criminal Records Checks that may affect your facility. In summary,

- New records checks will be required to be completed if a staff member experiences a six month break in service from the child care industry
- New clearance is required at least once every five years
- Any staff member solely responsible for supervising children will be required to have completed a comprehensive background clearance
- All staff members are required to have completed at least a national fingerprint based clearance check
- Any staff member with only the national fingerprint based clearance, must be under constant and direct supervision of a staff member with a satisfactory comprehensive records check clearance
- Facilities are required to use DECAL KOALA for Criminal Records Checks, including to verify portability of an employee

O.C.G.A. Section 42.1.12(i)(2) requires Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning to notify licensed child care programs on accessing and retrieving from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's (GBI) website a list of the names and addresses of all registered sexual offenders. Please see GBI's website located at <http://gbi.georgia.gov> to access the Georgia Sex Offender Registry.

Refutation Process:

You have the right to refute any of the citations noted in this report with which you disagree. To refute a citation(s), do the following:

- 1) Log into DECAL KOALA www.decalkoala.com with the userid for your program
- 2) On the home page scroll down to the Inspection Reports and select 'Refute Citation' for the visit report in dispute
- 3) Select the specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, add the reason for disagreement regarding the rule citation, and upload supporting documentation
- 4) Submit the refutation in DECAL KOALA to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

Your refutation will be forwarded to the appropriate CCS manager, who will follow up with you about your concerns. If you have any questions about this process, contact our office at 404-657-5562.

Bright from the Start recommends that all licensed child care providers carry liability insurance coverage sufficient to protect its clients. If you do not have this liability insurance, you are required to post a notice with ½ inch letters in a conspicuous location in the program, notify the parent or guardian of each child in care in writing, obtain their signature to acknowledge receipt and maintain this written acknowledgment on file at the program at all times while the child attends the program and for 12 months after the child's last date of attendance. (O.C.G.A. Section 20-1A-4)

Important Quality Rated/CAPS Update:

As January 1, 2022, child care providers must be Quality Rated to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS). Newly licensed, or new to CAPS providers may be eligible for the new CAPS/QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward a star rating.

Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Correction Deadline: 7/7/2025

Corrected on 1/29/2026

.08(1) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed the children's files were updated to include the addresses of the authorized release persons on this date.

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center on this date.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 6/25/2025

Corrected on 1/29/2026

.25(13) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed the center to be free from hazards.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Technical Assistance

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591-1-1-.26(4) - Consultant discussed with the director to repair a small gap on the bottom of the left side of the fence on playground B- Preschool-School Age.

Correction Deadline: 1/29/2026

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Met****Comment**

Proper diapering procedures observed.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.17(7) requires that children wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for care, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, and contact with bodily fluids and after contamination by any other means. It was determined based on observation that center staff did not wash an infant's hands after completing the diaper changing process in classroom A -1L.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will train Staff on required handwashing for children and Staff will ensure children's hands are washed when required. The Director will monitor for compliance.

Correction Deadline: 1/29/2026**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.17(7)(a) - Consultant discussed with the director that washcloth hand washing be used only for infants when the infant is too heavy to hold.

Correction Deadline: 1/29/2026**Finding**

591-1-1-.17(8) requires staff to wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water upon arrival for the day, when moving from one child care group to another, upon re-entering the child care area after outside play, before and after diapering each child, dispensing medication, applying topical medications, handling and preparing food, eating, drinking, preparing bottles, feeding each child, assisting children with eating and drinking, after toileting or assisting children with toileting, using tobacco products, handling garbage and organic waste, touching animals or pets, handling bodily fluids and after contamination by any means. It was determined based on observation that center staff did not wash their hands after completing the diaper changing process in classroom A -1L.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will ensure liquid soap and warm running water are available for handwashing, train Staff on the handwashing requirements, review the requirements with Staff periodically, and monitor handwashing.

Correction Deadline: 1/29/2026**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)****Met****Comment**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed completed on this date.

Safety**591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)****Met****Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Met****Comment**

A current/completed inspection was observed for all vehicles used in transporting children this date.

Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed on this date.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Technical Assistance****Comment**

Staff stated knowledge of infant safe sleep requirements.

Technical Assistance

591-1-1-.30(1)(d) - Consultant discussed with director that children shall be placed on cots so that one child's head is toward another child's feet in the same row.

Correction Deadline: 1/29/2026

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 23

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 4

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/21/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing

Staff # 15

Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/02/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)

Met

Comment

Director provided 11 files for employees hired since last visit June 20, 2025.

Correction Deadline: 6/23/2025

Corrected on 1/29/2026

.09(1)(a) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed complete criminal background checks.

Correction Deadline: 6/23/2025

Corrected on 1/29/2026

.09(1)(c) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Consultant observed complete criminal background checks.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.14(1)(a) requires all Staff who provide direct care to children must obtain certification in a biennial training program in pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in pediatric first aid within the first 45 days of employment. Current and valid evidence of the successful completion of such training shall be maintained on the Center's premises. The hours obtained completing this certification will not count towards the required annual training hours. It was determined based on review of records that staff #4, date of hire July 21, 2025 , and staff #15, date of hire January 2, 2025, did not have evidence of certification in a training program in pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in pediatric first aid on file.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

All caregiver Staff will complete the required training. The Director will send copies via email verification of completed CPR/First Aid certification to the Consultant upon completion and will develop a plan to ensure all caregiver Staff have completed this training within the first 45 days of employment and that evidence of successful completion of the training is on file available for inspection.

Correction Deadline: 2/28/2026

Finding

591-1-1-.33(3)(a)-(k) requires each Staff member with direct care responsibilities to complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment. The state-approved training hours obtained will count toward required first year training hours. The training must address the following health and safety topics:

a) prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations); b) prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices; c) administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent; d) prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions; e) building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; f) prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment; g) emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility); h) handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants; i) precautions in transporting children; j) recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and k) child development to include all major domains: cognitive; social and emotional; physical development and motor skills; communication, language, and literacy; and approaches to play and learning. It was determined based on a review of records that the following staff members did not complete complete health and safety orientation training within the first 90 days of employment:

-staff #7, hire date August 19, 2025. Staff #7 was to have completed training on November 17, 2025. Staff #7 completed the training on January 5, 2026.

-staff #9, hire date August 8, 2025. Staff #9 was to have completed training on November 6, 2025. Staff #9 completed the training on January 19, 2026.

-staff #23, hire date August 6, 2025. Staff #23 was to have completed training on November 4, 2025. Staff #9 completed the training on December 17, 2025.

staff #9, hire date August 8, 2025. Staff #9 was to have completed training on November 6, 2025. Staff #9 completed the training on January 19, 2026.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will develop and implement a plan to schedule and track this training for all employees based on their hire dates and will ensure that the training includes all required components as required.

Correction Deadline: 2/28/2026

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)**Met****Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)****Met****Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met****Comment**

Adequate supervision observed on this date.